

On the brink of the new year, on the brink of a new era: *European Heart Journal Acute CardioVascular Care* goes online only

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